

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing navigation within an application, the method comprising:
  - receiving a first data input;
  - using meta-data, the meta-data corresponding to a primary process within the application for displaying a plurality of contexts for display data, to determine the plurality of contexts for display data associated with the first data input; and
  - providing, prior to displaying any of the plurality of contexts for display data, a plurality of second user-selectable elements, each one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements associated with a different one of the plurality of contexts for display data.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a first user-selectable element prior to receiving the first data input.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising associating the first data input with the first user-selectable element.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a second data input associated with a first one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising displaying a first one of the plurality of contexts for display data associated with the first one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements.

6. The method of claim 1, providing by the primary process, after displaying a one of the plurality of contexts for display data, a plurality of third user-selectable elements, each one of the plurality of third user-selectable elements associated with a different one of the plurality of contexts for display data.

7. A system for providing navigation within an application, the system comprising:
- a memory storage for maintaining an internal data structure in a context for display database; and
  - a processing unit coupled to the memory storage and configured to,
    - receive a first data input,
    - use meta-data, the meta-data corresponding to a primary process within the application for displaying a plurality of contexts for display data, to determine the plurality of contexts for display data associated with the first data input, and
    - provide, prior to displaying any of the plurality of contexts for display data, a plurality of second user-selectable elements, each one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements associated with a different one of the plurality of contexts for display data.
8. The system of claim 7, wherein the processing unit is further configured to provide a first user-selectable element prior to receiving the first data input.
9. The system of claim 8, wherein the processing unit is further configured to associate the first data input with the first user-selectable element.
10. The system of claim 7, wherein the processing unit is further configured to receive a second data input associated with a first one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the processing unit is further configured to display a first one of the plurality of contexts for display data associated with the first one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements.

12. The system of claim 6, wherein the processing unit is further configured to provide by the primary process, after displaying a one of the plurality of contexts for display data, a plurality of third user-selectable elements, each one of the plurality of third user-selectable elements associated with a different one of the plurality of contexts for display data.

13. A computer-readable medium containing a set of instructions for providing navigation within an application comprising:

receiving a first data input;

using meta-data, the meta-data corresponding to a primary process within the application for displaying a plurality of contexts for display data, to determine the plurality of contexts for display data associated with the first data input; and

providing, prior to displaying any of the plurality of contexts for display data, a plurality of second user-selectable elements, each one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements associated with a different one of the plurality of contexts for display data.

14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising providing a first user-selectable element prior to receiving the first data input.

15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, further comprising associating the first data input with the first user-selectable element.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising receiving a second data input associated with a first one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, further comprising displaying a first one of the plurality of contexts for display data associated with the first one of the plurality of second user-selectable elements.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, providing by the primary process, after displaying a one of the plurality of contexts for display data, a plurality of third user-selectable elements, each one of the plurality of third user-selectable elements associated with a different one of the plurality of contexts for display data.